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# A Time Of Judgment

OUR MODERN CITIES represent far more than that which meets the casual eye beholding towering walls of buildings constructed of steel, concrete, brick and stone. But for the teeming life of these modern centers of commerce during the daylight hours of business activity, followed by the social whirl of the evening hours, these cliff-like piles of concrete and stone would be as silent and foreboding as a graveyard.

Before man discovered the whole nature of electrical energy and perfected the thousand and one ways to turn that energy into useful sources of power and light, no modern metropolis, as we know our cities today, could possibly continue to exist. The ingenuity of the engineer, not only in constructing the massive buildings themselves, but in the utilization of modern scientific advancements to produce comfortable living conditions, is a miracle of accomplishment.

Through technical knowledge they have turned what would otherwise be the dark, cold, yes, and even inaccessible, abodes of our modern cliff dwellers into warm, ventilated, well-lighted and conveniently-located places of efficiency and comfort. The darkness of nightfall, with the setting of the sun, is turned into the light of day at the press of a button, enabling the citizens of our great cities to continue their activities into the hours of the night. Rapid transit above and below ground makes every section quickly accessible to all of its inhabitants. The installation of systems of communication has placed city dwellers within speaking distance of each other in a matter of seconds. The distribution of pure water and the care of refuse has made possible cleanliness and ease in living unheard of in cities of ancient times.

Yet, in spite of such advantages in material well-being, city moral and ethical standards have fallen far short of keeping pace with scientific advancement. Throughout our land our great metropolises are becoming centers of violence and crime. Murderers walk the streets in confident arrogance, secure from detection, robbers lay in wait for their victims in darkened alleys, the organized underworld of crime has established its headquarters there and is well entrenched as its traffic in the bodies and souls of men and women is carried on. A civilization that has built mighty cities has been unable to curb the trend that has made them evil places where the criminally-minded can be bred and schooled in violence and bloodshed.

While in the open country and among farming communities there are well-to-do residences on spacious acreages, as well as the more humble

homes of the poor, it is mainly in the cities that we observe the extremes of wealth and poverty living in close proximity to one another, typified by the stately mansion and the slum hovel. Country life is a healthy mode of existence, engendering normal well-being. City life, on the other hand, imposes a restrictiveness not natural to the human spirit and the narrowed outlook tends to circumscribe the whole being and lower moral standards. It is in our cities where political corruption is bred, where politicians take advantage of the ignorance of the masses and where bribery flourishes.

When a nation is judged for its righteousness or lack of righteousness, it is the moral climate within its cities that determines whether or not the time for judgment is at hand. Atomic and hydrogen bombs are being made ready to wipe out entire cities. Is it in the Divine plan to allow these centers of evil to be suddenly blotted out in this way in order to bring an end to hoodlumism and gross crime?

According to the *U. S. News and World Report* for February 14, 1958, fear walks the streets of our national capital: "Within sight of the Capitol building where the nation's laws are made, it is becoming increasingly dangerous for peaceful citizens to walk the streets. 'Yokings' and 'muggings' and senseless beatings by young thugs are spreading a growing measure of public fear. Juvenile criminals, in their attacks, spare no group."

What is said of Washington, D. C. can be multiplied many times over with regard to similar situations in most of our large cities. Because of our refusal as a people to observe the laws of righteousness and to execute the criminal in accord with the requirements of the Divine law, the Lord is certainly causing our lofty cities to be laid low when they ought to become centers of safety and of peaceful cultural pursuits. The rapid increase in crime and violence throughout the length and breadth of our land, particularly in our great cities, is shocking. Addressing His people, the Lord declares: "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. I will be thy king; where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities?" (Hosea 13: 9-10.)

There is no other. Until we recognize this, the increase in violence and crime will not be curbed for, apart from turning to the Lord and His righteous laws of administration, there will be no deliverance from violence and crime and our cities will more and more become places where fear and terror stalk those who walk their streets.

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## THE MARCH OF HISTORY

### Gog's Strategy

LET US NOT overlook the prophetic declaration that the leadership of Soviet Russia, the Gog of Ezekiel's chapters 38 and 39, foresees complete victory in the conflict into which they will catapult the world by their lust for world domination. Otherwise, they would not proceed so boldly with their planning and the execution of preliminary maneuvers in anticipation of the expected result. The question naturally arises, What is the premise from which they reason, giving them assurance that their coming acts of aggression will end in total victory for them?

In a news report out of Germany, the Soviet strategy on which the Communists of the Red Army are relying for victory in the next war is outlined. It is freely admitted that long-distance blows will be dealt with the use of rockets and intercontinental ballistic missiles but that the operation of land forces will play a major part in the coming conflict.

In drawing up a balance between the forces of the North Atlantic Treaty organization and those of the Warsaw Treaty organization, the Communist counterpart, it was pointed out that the NATO camp is split in two by the Atlantic Ocean. Continental Europe is depicted as a bridgehead only, with more than 3,000 miles of sea lanes separating it from its source of supply; that is, the North American continent. The lines

of communication can be easily broken by the Soviet submarine fleet. It is pointed out that the shallowness of the NATO bridgehead will handicap radar-warning systems and hamper any adequate air defense that could be devised.

When war comes, it is believed that Soviet Russia can destroy the effectiveness of Denmark and thus nullify any adequate control over the Baltic Sea. Gibraltar, guarding the entrance to the Mediterranean, can also be destroyed.

The concentration of industry and population in Great Britain and on the continent provide easy targets for Soviet nuclear weapons, while, in contrast, the Soviet Union is far less vulnerable to this type of destruction. The above-mentioned report goes on to point out that Russia's natural boundaries and its independence of sea communications contribute to the greater Communist advantage. Besides all this the Soviets possess an intercontinental ballistic missile, which at the moment places them far ahead of the Western powers in the ability to wage long-distance warfare. It is upon such reasoning that the Soviet high command assumes they are able to wage war and decisively defeat the Western powers when World War III begins.

The danger of a sudden attack by Soviet Russia is very great at the present time. Their military leaders are fully aware that, given time, the United States will

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wipe out the present advantage gained by the Reds in their present exclusive possession of a workable intercontinental rocket. The question is, Will they elect to strike before the Western powers, and the United States in particular, are able to neutralize this disadvantage?

The Prophet Ezekiel indicates that this northern power, with its confederates, will strike. Soviet Russia, heading a great confederacy, will suddenly move southward so the prophet declares:

"Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm [ballistic missiles], thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land [airborne troops and bombing planes], thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee [the army of invasion following the aerial attack]." (Ez. 38: 9.)

At the same time Ezekiel declares Soviet Russia will have an evil thought and decide upon a surprise attack against a country of unwallied villages; that is, the North American continent, the land of modern Israel. Daniel refers to this attack as following a sudden move southward toward Palestine on the part of this northern power. The weapon they will use in their long-distance assault upon the United States Daniel describes as so destructive that many will perish in the fury of the onslaught.

Thus, the prophets have forewarned of Soviet strategy in aggressive moves by air, by land and with the use of intercontinental ballistic missiles when World War III bursts upon the world. The leadership of the Kremlin is branded by these same prophets as the aggressor and it is ultimately doomed to destruction. But this will not come about until after much destruction has been wrought. God will intervene to save His people, but this will not be before they have suffered great tribulation in order to purge out the rebels from among them and compel them to seek Him and His righteousness. Soviet Russia, the enemy of His Kingdom, is being used by God to chasten His servant people so that they will turn to Him for deliverance from all their foes.

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### *Broken Power*

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GREAT Britain's failure a year ago to accomplish her objective in the invasion of the Suez Canal Zone, followed by the resignation of Anthony Eden as Prime Minister, was called epochal at the time, and it was pointed out as marking the end of efforts by the British to continue as a great world power. Commenting upon this in an editorial in *DESTINY* for April 1957, we stated that, insofar as Great Britain was concerned, Daniel's prophecy foretelling the breaking to pieces of the power of the Holy People was being fulfilled (Dan. 12: 7).

Since that date we have been waiting, knowing that the time was coming when the United States of America would suffer similar experiences indicating that their power as a Great People (Gen. 48: 19) was also broken. We knew that the fulfillment of the Angel's prediction to Daniel of the breaking of the power of the Holy People could not be completed so long as a large segment of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples was exempt

from this judgment. The Angel had informed Daniel of the significance of this event sign, declaring that it would be a major signal denoting that the end of the age had come:

"And when they have completely broken to pieces the power of the Holy People, all these would be accomplished." (Dan. 12: 7, *Ferrar Fenton Trans.*)

The emphasis is upon "completely broken" and that could not be the case while the United States was still functioning as a major world power. Many Americans a year ago were indifferent to the plight of Great Britain and the daily papers in the United States referred editorially to the British Empire, perhaps with a certain degree of smug satisfaction, as having become only a second-rate power in the world as a result of the Suez fiasco.

In the turn of events the United States has now come into an experience indicating their fall from power and it has shattered the complacency of a nation which had been inclined to take it for granted that they were destined to furnish leadership to the entire world. The launchings of Sputnik I and II were a severe jolt to national pride, for it had been assumed that Soviet Russia could not possibly match American technology. One mishap followed another, further deflating the assumption of greatness on the part of many Americans. Today Soviet Russia is outmaneuvering the United States on the diplomatic front, as their influence becomes more and more felt in the Far and Middle East and elsewhere. Truly the power of the Holy People, the Israel of God, is being broken as Daniel declared that it would. It is of great significance that this is so clearly evident with the ending of the forty-year generation (see "The Olivet Discourse," *DESTINY* for February 1958, pp. 41-46).

It is worth while to ponder the things that the Angel said would be finished when the breaking of the power of His people had become an accomplished fact (read the entire 12th chapter of Daniel). First, there was to be a time of trouble which would be more severe than anything ever before experienced since there have been nations. Already we are becoming aware that such a time is at hand in view of the fearful weapons of destruction being made ready for the day of conflict. Second, the resurrection is timed to occur during this period when many that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awaken. This confirms the fact of His presence "at the door" with the ending of the generation in 1957.

While the world at large is living in fear of all this, a far different outlook confronts the few who are aware of the significance of the Angel's instructions to Daniel concerning the resurrection. This, and the events associated with it, among which the breaking of the power of the Holy People is a major signal, will indeed mark the consummation of the present world order.

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### *Balance of Terror*

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IN THE Mike Wallace television interview on Saturday, December 28, 1957, in which Major Alexander P. de



Seversky was questioned and pointed out the superiority in weapons possessed by Soviet Russia today, the Major maintained that we are now living under a "balance of terror" instead of a balance of power in our favor. He also said, "It is quite possible that one third of our people will be dead from the effects of nuclear weapons within three years."

Never in all history has prophecy been so accurately fulfilled as in these days when current world developments are demonstrating the truth of the utterances of the prophets of the Bible. This very evident "balance of terror," as our nation is moved by fear in dealing with Soviet Russia, was predicted to become the national state of affairs for our failure to observe the laws of God. Our nation has certainly departed far from their observance today and for this defection from national righteousness, the Lord has declared:

"I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror." (Lev. 26: 16.)

The Hebrew word *behalah*, translated "terror," means alarm, panic, destruction — the very circumstances under which we live today.

As pointed out in DESTINY for January 1958, (pp. 3-4), God has broken the pride of our power as a nation. Now, as a result, a spirit of fear is engendered which could easily become alarm bordering on panic. The only solution to rectify these conditions is given by the Lord through Moses; this is to keep His Sabbaths, reverence His sanctuary, walk in His statutes, keep His commandments and do them (Lev. 26: 2-3). If we will do this, the promise is:

"I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land." (Lev. 26: 6.)

But if we persist in refusing to hearken to the Lord, if we continue to despise His statutes and abhor His judgments, we will forfeit any right to rely upon the assurance of Divine assistance. It is not necessary to labor the issue, for the facts today speak for themselves as Soviet Russia gains the ascendancy over us. We spend our strength in vain, failing to adequately meet the issues, not because of lack of resources or ability, but due primarily to the withholding of Divine blessings upon our undertakings. God has set His face against us because of individual and national sins:

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." (Ps. 127: 1.)

Except the Lord prosper our undertakings, we cannot hope to cope with the deceitful cunning of an enemy inspired from the Bottomless Pit as he works out his plans of evil aggression, seeking world domination. Ezekiel the Prophet foretells this day to be a time of severe trouble. Seeing the gathering of the enemy to destroy His people, the prophet sounds the alarm and through him God issues the call:

"Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ez. 33: 11.)

Thus, two ways are set before us. Either we can persist in the course we are following and suffer the con-

sequences, or we can turn from our evil ways and God will save us from destruction. If we refuse to do this, we shall most certainly perish in the coming holocaust. If, through procrastination, we hesitate, millions will perish before those remaining heed the Divine call in desperation and turn to the ways of righteousness.

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### *Shadows of the Night*

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ON February 1, 1958, six days before the third hour of the Second Watch of the Night of Alarm began, Egypt and Syria signed a joint proclamation, making the merger of the two countries official. Two days later, on February 3, 1958, Yemen joined the Syrio-Egyptian union.

This has immeasurably increased the threat of war in the Middle East. The union of Egypt and Syria is a strategic Soviet move. Russia definitely sponsored this merger and this should constitute a warning of major proportions to the West. However, at the time Western governments seemed to be little concerned.

Meanwhile, Moscow is well aware of the important fact that the flow of oil from Iraq and Saudi Arabia is through the Suez Canal and by means of pipelines that traverse Syria. This oil is vital to Western industry and to the maintenance of the military might of Western nations. The Communists are now in a position to stop the flow of this oil whenever they decide to do so. Russia has not overlooked this as a major objective in her over-all plan for the ultimate defeat of the so-called capitalist countries.

The truth is that the leaders of the Kremlin have now actually brought into being a new satellite of 26,000,000 people in the union of Syria and Egypt. These countries they have equipped and armed in preparation for the phase of warfare in which they are to take part under Soviet instigation — all of this leading to ultimate war involving the entire Middle East.

Six days after the official confirmation of the union of Syria and Egypt the clock struck 11 P.M. of the Night of Alarm. The date was February 7, 1958 when the third hour of the Second Watch began. The very next day (February 8, 1958) a grave crisis sprang into being in North Africa as the result of the French bombing of the little border village of Sakiet-Sidi-Youssef in Tunisia. The issuance of the order resulting in this bombing coincided with the beginning of this third hour of the Second Watch of the Night of Alarm.

The French action was styled by the Tunisians as "an act of war" and repercussions from the Arab world were ominous. The United States government was greatly disturbed and State Department officials expressed shock and embarrassment over the incident in which the French used American-built planes. On the other hand, the rapidity with which the Soviets took advantage of all this to stir up further strife belies Moscow's pretense that the men in the Kremlin are interested in peace.

With the striking of each subsequent hour after the commencement of the Night of Alarm on October 15, 1956 (6 P.M.), important major moves have been made

in the Middle East, indicative of the mounting tensions of a developing crisis in that theater of activity (see editorial, "Night of Alarm," *DESTINY* for December 1957, page 268). The beginning of the third hour of the Second Watch on February 7, 1958 (11 P.M.) was no exception, as the repercussions from the French bombing of the Tunisian village have demonstrated. Midnight (12 P.M.) will be reached May 14, 1958, just ten years to the day after the Israeli State was established in Palestine on May 14, 1948. Time will shortly reveal the next major moves in the squeeze play in the Middle East, which has as its objective the elimination of the Zionist state. The Soviets are not shipping enormous quantities of up-to-date military equipment into Syria and Egypt only to allow it to deteriorate through lack of use. Neither are they building up their naval power in the Mediterranean and dispatching submarines to that area for peaceful purposes.

The Mediterranean, a strategic area vital to the maintenance of Western supremacy, is being threatened by the Soviets and the West is doing very little about it. The price that will shortly be demanded for the failure to support the French and British action in the invasion of the Suez Canal Zone, when they opposed the Soviet build-up in that area in the inception of the Night of Alarm on October 15, 1956, will be tremendous. It is impossible for the West to escape the toll in blood, tears and destruction for past follies, as Soviet Russia moves swiftly to consolidate her holdings in the Middle East as the result of Western indecisions and their complete lack of foresight at the very beginning of this Night of Alarm. The inevitable outcome of the continued program of appeasement is to strengthen Soviet determination in their plans for evil aggression. Very shortly the entire world will awaken to the truth of all this in the moves Soviet Russia will soon make in the Middle East.

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### *Economic Collapse Inevitable*

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ONE NEEDS ONLY to read reports of the United States government giveaway program in the guise of foreign aid, and note the results which have followed, to understand that, unless a radical change in policy is instituted immediately, a gigantic economic crisis is inevitable. Billions of American taxpayers' money are being squandered throughout the world. This is not only detrimental to the American taxpayer himself, but it is causing disastrous inflation in those lands where, instead of winning friends by our financial handouts, we are actually making enemies, some of them becoming very bitter toward us.

The extremely disquieting aspect of it all is that, as the result of an entrenched bureaucracy at Washington, no remedy is in sight to curb this "giveaway fever." As pointed out in *Human Events* for February 3, 1958:

"If you take the assessed valuation of all the real and other property in the 17 biggest cities in the United States — New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Detroit, Baltimore,

Cleveland, St. Louis, Washington, San Francisco, Boston, Houston, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Buffalo and Dallas — it comes to just a little over \$60 billion. What we have done, in effect, is to take the 17 biggest cities of this country and ship them overseas. As of June 30, since the end of World War II, we have given away or loaned, in largely fictitious credits, \$60 billion. (By June 30, 1958, our giveaway will total \$70 billion. This figure is the equivalent of the assessed valuation of over 24 of our largest cities.)"

The President and the Congress are concerned over the economic outlook, and well they may be. Yet, by the continued giant handouts, they are making inevitable the very thing they fear — a business recession and ultimate economic debacle. Actually our nation is being despoiled, with its taxpayers stripped of their assets, their initiative destroyed and their ability to acquire a personal estate practically nullified as the result of excess taxation.

The question is: Who is master-minding all this? Certainly it is not men of the caliber of George Washington, the father of our country, who advised in his farewell address that we should be careful to avoid all foreign entanglements for the good of our country and the peace of our nation.

The pace is accelerating as we move on to an inevitable impasse when, suddenly and without warning, the collapse of the entire world economy is to occur, the evidences of which we clearly behold, even now, in the making. In this time of crisis there seems to be no man or group of men able or capable of stemming the tide, as the President calls for more foreign aid and the Congress approves the bureaucratic administration of the distribution of the wealth of the citizens of the United States to those who hate them.

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### *Shutting the Book*

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PROTESTANT Christians have long been deficient in carrying out the original purpose which the fathers of the Reformation intended to be their prime objective — that is, the wide and unhampered dissemination of the teachings of the Scriptures. In the inception of the Reformation, the printing press had made the Bible available to all and for the first time in the history of the human race it had become a "little book" to be opened in the hands of all the people. Multitudes became acquainted with the wonderful truths set forth in Holy Writ, and its teachings were propagated far and wide. It wrought changes which affected the whole course of human history, leading to the colonization of the American continent. The Bible itself played a major part in the birth of the United States of America. Men and women were so well acquainted with the story the Bible tells that its recorded incidents and manner of speech were commonly appropriated in the idiomatical expressions of the day. It was accepted practice to illustrate a given situation by reference to some basic Scriptural fact and no one was so ignorant of the Bible as to fail to understand the meaning of the parallels drawn. But all this has since changed.

Today church attendance no longer assures one of acquiring an understanding of the Bible. In fact, gross

ignorance of its simplest facts is displayed among Christians when one converses with them about Scriptural teachings. Even among our ecclesiastical leaders and devoted church workers there is evidence of a superficial acquaintance only with the instructions set forth in the Book whose message they are called upon to convey to those they are supposed to shepherd.

It is safe to say, under present religious methods, that one could attend every church service possible during a lifetime and still be so little acquainted with the Scriptures that he would flunk the simplest quiz on Biblical subjects. When, for instance, someone does successfully answer the \$64,000 Bible question on a TV quiz, millions marvel, when instead they should mourn the implied indictment of their own abysmal ignorance. Millions of the Reformation-period Christians would have easily answered every question so far presented on these quiz programs, but today the open Bible has become a closed Book through the neglect on the part of the Christian world to study and assimilate the facts of the story it tells.

Because the one stabilizing ingredient in human society is no longer exerting its influence upon old and young, men and women today have departed from the paths of righteousness and one extremely disturbing result is the increase in juvenile delinquency. Insofar as church leadership is concerned, those who should be supporting the authenticity and accuracy of the Scriptures have often undertaken to undermine its authority and power by denying its Authorship and questioning the inspiration that vouches for the accuracy of its teachings.

If the citizens of Great Britain and the United States were God-fearing and faithful to His Word, and were acquainted with all its precepts and teachings, atheistical Russia, specifically its leaders in the Kremlin, enemies of God and of His Kingdom, would not now have the slightest possibility of prevailing against them. But, having lost our armor of faith, including the breastplate of righteousness and the sword of the Word and of the Spirit, we are no longer in possession of the kind of weapons of defense that would overcome these evil foes. Our leaders, both national and ecclesiastical, have turned aside from the Divine instructions that detail how we are to meet and defeat the most formidable foes that could possibly be arrayed against us. The Lord God has promised to defend His people when they are righteous, but righteousness stems from a knowledge of what God requires of us and only an understanding of His Written Word will give us the needed direction.

Because today our nation has lost the vision of its destiny, and its leaders know not what God requires of them, we stand defenseless before an aggressive foe when we might be occupying a position of strength, with the assurance that the Mighty Ones of God, wielding the weapons of His indignation, are in readiness and waiting to turn the battle against the enemy when he elects to strike.

Must we be called upon to pay a price in blood before our people become willing to open the Book again? Unless a spiritual awakening comes very soon, begin-

ning with our leaders and reaching to every citizen in the nation, that is the price we shall be called upon to pay to compel us to turn back to God as a nation.

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### Nonsense?

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DANIEL the Prophet states that, as a result of research and the diligent study of books, he had arrived at an understanding of the chronology pertaining to the time of the restoration of Jerusalem:

"In the first year of his [Darius] reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem." (Dan. 9: 2.)

Daniel then applied himself to seek in prayer, supplication, and with fasting, the full meaning of all this. It resulted in his securing the remarkable time factors dating the coming of the Messiah which subsequent history verified as to their accuracy in relation to the First Advent of our Lord.

Also concealed in these predicted time measures is the chronology pertaining to the Lord's Second Advent. In this connection Daniel was given chronological evidence dating the Time of the End so that those willing to devote time in research and study might not be in darkness regarding the times and seasons heralding the Consummation of the Age.

In this day of marvelous revelation, as God, through His Holy Spirit, is showing to His followers the spiritual significance of what is transpiring around us, there are those who would sweep away, as with the wave of the hand, all that which careful research has established concerning the meaning of time measures and their use as set forth by the prophets, the apostles and our Lord. Because they do not apply themselves to understand, being unwilling to devote the necessary time and study to mastering the subject, they assume the subject matter to be incomprehensible. This leads to such comments as the following, which is indicative of the loose reasoning of those who do not recognize the important part prophetic chronology is playing in evaluating current world disturbances:

"It is not within the province of man to predict the time of the end of the age. Surely our past experience has taught us a lesson relative to this nonsense of predicting dates."

Was it nonsense for Jeremiah to predict the date of the end of the desolation of Jerusalem? Was it nonsense for Daniel to study to find out the date involved? Is it nonsense for us to study the factors denoting the Time of the End as set forth in the angel's instructions to Daniel?

It is granted that we are not living in the time of the prophets; that is, in the day of prediction, but we are living in the day of the advent of the watchmen.

"When the prophets [the seers] of old recorded what they previsionsed concerning coming events, they prefaced their prophecies with the authoritative pronouncement: 'Thus saith the Lord.' As watchmen in Israel today, our commission is to identify the accuracy of the words of prophecy and



declare, as events demonstrate the fulfillment of the prophetic forecasts: 'This is that spoken of by the prophets.' " ("Seer, Prophet and Watchman," DESTINY for February 1957, pp. 31-33.)\*

The responsibility of the watchman is to identify the fulfillment of that which the prophets foretold, both as to events *and as to their timing*. Is it nonsense to be urgently aware of the meaning of the times and seasons when our Lord's oft-repeated admonition to His followers was: "*Watch!*" How can one be watchful with a sense of urgency in conformity with our Lord's admonition unless the timing of coming events is established?

Knowing the times and the seasons, we can testify to the certainty of the fulfillment of the utterances of the prophets, not as prophets prophesying, but as watchmen identifying, marking down what occurs upon the terminals of chronological time-periods. It is the relationship of the event to its timing, as it occurs on a pre-established date defined by numbers having Scriptural values, that gives it special import. This is the meat in due season that is so essential to inform those who are to keep alert as they watch day by day for the soon coming of our Lord.

Those who assert that this is all nonsense are merely testifying to their own foolishness by their obstinate refusal to consider that which is meat in due season, for this is the very time when the watchmen are to sound the alarm as the age draws to its close. How can an alarm be sounded except by those who realize that the time is short? And how can they know the time is short unless they have charted its passage?

Those who refuse to heed these warnings will do well if they escape being classed with His servants who say in their hearts, "My Lord delayeth his coming" (Matt. 24: 48-51). At the same time, in this day of peril, the watchman will not be held guiltless if he fails to warn by identifying the events of each hour as the clock of the ages marks the passing of the night (Ez. 3: 17-19). Daniel was told that only a few, designated as the wise, will understand. Those who do not understand will naturally regard as nonsense that which they cannot comprehend.

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### *Collecting Dividends*

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MEN INVEST in substantial enterprises with the objective of securing financial returns in future dividends. The shrewd operator is very careful in using his capital, for he knows that future returns will depend largely upon the care with which he makes his investments.

It is surprising to note the contrast between the care exercised in connection with financial investments as compared with the concern manifested in regard to the greatest of all assets — continued physical health. Many people, right up to and even beyond the years of middle age, pay little or no attention to how they underwrite their assurance of health for the latter years of their lives. Sometimes they do not even become aware of any need at all in this respect until sickness

has overtaken them; and often it is then too late to do anything about it.

In the formative period of life, and up to middle age, what a person does, the excesses he permits, the indulgences to which he succumbs, all take their toll; although the type of dividends he will collect for all this is not made known to him until later in life. But collect dividends he will, whether in health or in sickness, according to the manner in which his investments in future physical and mental well-being have been made.

It is most difficult to secure the attention of the young, or even the middle-aged, to urge them to consider that it is within their power to so live, eat, work and play that they will be assured of collecting dividends of health as their span of life runs its course. Far too often, because there seems to be no immediate effect upon their health, the tendency is to pooh-pooh any idea that they will collect adverse dividends later on. As pointed out in "On Deposit," DESTINY for December 1952, to each individual God has allotted a maximum number of days as the duration of his life:

"It may be said that God has deposited to the account of every individual the necessary number of heart beats for the maximum number of years each one is given to live — no more and no less. Against this deposit each of us may draw as we will. Those who are righteous will be conservative and will leave on deposit enough to cover the maximum number of years God has allotted to him. Those who are wicked will be profligate in their use, depleting the deposit so rapidly that they will shorten their span of life, sometimes by a great many years."

Just as a spendthrift is unaware of the approaching day of bankruptcy until he is confronted with it as a *fait accompli*, so it is with those who draw heavily upon their Divinely-appointed number of heart beats. It is as Solomon declared, "The years of the wicked shall be shortened" (Prov. 10: 27). It is wisdom to ponder all this while there is time, for the modern tendency to increase overindulgences and the rapid rise in heart failures confirm the foolishness of expecting longevity to walk hand in hand with those who succumb to harmful habits. Having failed to practice self-discipline and keep the commandments of health, in the place of dividends that might have been realized, the foolish ones are suddenly confronted with the Grim Reaper beckoning them to accompany him down the road of no return.

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### *The End of Capitalism*

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ACCORDING TO the U. S. News and World Report for January 10, 1958, income from the portion of wages and salaries withheld amounts to 7.3 billion a year and this amount does not tend to rise a great deal; on the other hand, payments under the Social Security System is at a rate of 8 billion a year and tends to increase strongly. The result is that reserves are being drawn down to pay benefits far in advance of expectancies.

When it is recognized that much of the so-called reserve is in the form of IOUs of a government that has already spent the income, it is pertinent to ask the

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# Month By Month · by A. R. H.

SINCE August 20, 1953, the famous date in Great Pyramid symbolism, when the news burst upon the world that Soviet Russia had the hydrogen bomb, the impact of Moscow upon the course of world events has become increasingly dominant as a decisive factor in developments. For anyone who had doubts on this subject, the launching of the satellite "Sputnik," to coincide with the 21st Congress of the Communist Party, should have been sufficient to convince them. To students of Biblical prophecy none of these developments are surprising, notwithstanding their startling nature. A perusal of recent comments in the press shows that at long last the unfolding picture is beginning to emerge in full perspective.

## *Fringe of the Firmament*

Thus, in an article entitled "*Forty Years That Changed the World*," James Cameron, in the *Daily Mail*, describes the situation dramatically when he affirms:

"Forty years is not a long time in which to force the door of history; only forty years to span the gulf between the moujik and the Moon; less than half a century; just enough time for a backward peasant hand to learn to fumble with a machine and start to colonize the Cosmos. Today citizens who still huddle four to a room glance at the sky with a new sense of wonder and conquest. They have no passport to their nearest frontier, but they are represented on the fringe of the Firmament.

"Forty years ago, ten days shook the world. Nothing was ever the same again, nor can be hereafter. The fruits of those forty years now divide the world. And what will come of all these things we do not know."

It was a French savant who once exclaimed: "*History is like the face of a clock. We see the hands that move and mark the time but not the wheels and secret springs whereby it goes.*" If we want to know what will come of all these things today, what we must do is to turn from the pages of history written in world events and scan instead the pages of prophecy as predicted in Holy Writ.

## *High Priests of Communism*

Meanwhile, in a *Daily Telegraph* article entitled "*Forty Years of Communist Despots*," David Floyd writes:

"Mr. Khrushchev's marathon speech to the Supreme Soviet showed clearly how little has changed in Russia since Stalin left it. He said nothing in principle that had not been said and repeated by Stalin and other Soviet leaders on previous anniversaries. He measured the Soviet regime's successes, after its forty years of existence, in terms of iron and steel, not of political liberty or the well-being of the population. In this respect the regime has stood still.

"By his denunciation of those in the Socialist camp who venture to criticize the high priests of Communism, Mr.

Khrushchev made it clear that Soviet despotism is moving back to its Stalinist form. This reaffirmation of Communist doctrine, with its fundamental hostility to everything that is not dominated by Muscovy, is the major obstacle to that 'harmony' between East and West which Mr. Khrushchev himself admitted was ultimately impossible. Forty years are more than enough to teach us this lesson. On the 40th anniversary, this political backwardness is the most striking feature of Soviet Russia."

## *Falsehood As a Weapon*

Confirming this factor, Mr. George F. Kennan, a former U. S. Ambassador to Soviet Russia, shows a penetrating insight into Soviet mentality when, in the second of his six Reith lectures, he avers:

"From the time of their seizure of power, forty years ago, the Communists have always been characterized by their extraordinary ability to cultivate falsehood as a deliberate weapon of policy. They began by adopting an attitude of complete cynicism about objective truth, denying its value if not its existence, declaring the lie to be no less useful and respectable than the truth if only it served the purposes of the Party.

"Proceeding from this premise, they have systematically employed falsehood, not just as a means of deceiving others and exploiting their credulity, but also as a means of comforting and reassuring themselves. Forty years of intellectual opportunism seem to have wrought a strange corruption of the Communist mind, rendering it incapable of distinguishing between fact and fiction in its relationship to any external competitive power. Let me stress that it is only in this sector that the Communist mind is thus affected. In other respects it is extremely shrewd and discerning.

## *An Incomprehensible Image*

"In this way the Communist leaders find themselves committed to a badly distorted image of the outside world. They are able to apprehend everything about us but the main things. They view us as one might view the inhabitants of another planet through a very powerful telescope. Everything is visible; one sees in great detail the strange beings of the other world going about their daily business; one can even discern the nature of their undertakings. But what one does not see and cannot see is the motivation that drives them on their various pursuits. This remains concealed and thus the entire image, clear and intelligible in detail, becomes incomprehensible in totality.

## *Corruption of Thought*

"The fact is that the Soviet leaders are the victims of the abuse they have practiced for so long on the freedom of the mind. This is what we are up against. And there is nothing anyone can do in any short space of time to alter this situation, to correct this corruption of thought. It is no good trying to argue them around to our point of view. They are men who can be directly influenced by situations but not by words expressed in any terminology other than their own. There is nothing that can be said that would suddenly dis-

pel this obscurity of vision. What we are confronted with is not just misunderstanding but a habit of mind, an induced state, a condition. In the face of this situation, no intimacy of understanding is really possible. There is only one sort of thing that can usefully be said to them, and that is: what we would be prepared to *do* or would *not do* in specific contingencies. This is the sort of thing they understand."

### *The Force of Propaganda*

Mr. Kennan's conclusions are so vital that we make no apology for continuing with the following final extract from his pronouncement:

"Let me return to the systematic distortion of the realities of our world and of the purpose to which we are dedicated. We cannot just ignore this thing. It is a serious error to dismiss Soviet falsehoods as 'just propaganda.' Why 'just'? What is the matter with propaganda? Is it not a serious and important force in world affairs? We do not like repetition but we cannot afford to dispense with it. TRUTH DOES NOT WIN OVER ERROR JUST ON ITS OWN MERITS. IT, TOO, HAS TO BE ASSIDUOUSLY PROPAGATED. There are things which could be said which would exert a useful discipline and place limitations on the Soviet use of falsehood as a weapon of policy."

These views have been quoted at length because there still exists a large body of vocal liberal-minded opinion which cherishes the illusion that, given time, the lords of the Kremlin can be made to see the light by diplomatic persuasion. Frank Coniff, however, who recently had a personal interview with Mr. Khrushchev, gained the impression that prospects of bridging the gulf are bleak.

### *Khrushchev Talks About God*

Thus Mr. Coniff reports for the *Daily Mail*:

"Today Khrushchev talked to me about God; the one thing above all which divides him and his followers from us. I asked him: 'A man who believes in God cannot advance in the Communist Party; why is this?' 'Because,' said Khrushchev, 'such a situation is incompatible. We are atheists. Certainly, we say the name of God, as in the phrase — God is truth — but that is only a habit. I could just as easily say: I give you my word.'

"That is the intrinsic gap between us,' I said. 'When we give our word, we feel it is a pledge also to God. There has never been a great civilization which did not believe in God; a Supreme Being.' Mr. Khrushchev's voice rose as he shrugged, smiled and said: 'Let them believe what they like. We are atheists, but we hold the life of men dear.'

### *Appealing to God*

"Mr. Khrushchev moved his strong hands expressively as he continued: 'Now as regards to God. Mr. Dulles leans on him. Relying on God and calling His name, he sends emissaries to Jordan and Turkey to kill people. God is but a mask those people lean on. God is being used by these people for hire. Their acts are contradictory to humanism. They lean on the word of God and then violate it. You will never succeed in teaching your people to hate us through God.'

"The Imperialists with their armies came in and brought the Church and God with them. They came into peaceful lands to kill defenseless people. They brought the Cross and the Bible to colonial countries. They left the people their religion and took all the people had. Do not appeal to God

in your war against the working people because they know it will be no use.'

"Mr. Khrushchev put his own ending on his statement. He said: 'Is that enough questions?' It was."

All of which goes to show that if anyone goes on distorting facts long enough and vehemently enough they end up by believing the distortion themselves.

### *Fearful Military Might*

Such considerations lead up to the supreme problem as to how the civilized powers of the world, in a nuclear age, can combat the threat which such fearful military might presents when placed in the hands of an unethical power. Thus, in an article to the *Daily Telegraph* entitled "*Dangers of Safety Through Mutual Terror*," Peregrine Worsthorne puts the issue forcibly when he proclaims:

"It is all very well for President Eisenhower to say blandly: 'There is no alternative to peace,' or for the British Defense White Paper to maintain that the task today is to prevent war rather than to win war. How can an expansionist revolutionary power like Soviet Russia be controlled except by force? It is no answer to say: 'By diplomatic skill.' For if recourse to force is ruled out by mutual terror, diplomacy cannot any longer properly function. The motive force behind international settlement has always been a combination of the belief in international harmony — which the Soviet Union most emphatically does not share — and the fear of the consequences of proving obdurate, which the Soviet Union decreasingly feels. The West's renunciation of the use of force has, therefore, by eliminating the penalty for intransigence, placed the international order at the mercy of its most ruthless and irresponsible member."

In his delineation of this dilemma, Mr. Worsthorne concludes his commentary with the interrogation:

"WHAT CAN BE DONE? WHAT STRATEGY IS MOST LIKELY TO AVOID THE DILEMMA OF HAVING TO MAKE A CHOICE BETWEEN ALL-OUT WAR AND A GRADUAL LOSS OF POSITIONS; A CHOICE BETWEEN ARMAGEDDON AND DEFEAT WITHOUT WAR?"

"Every month brings new evidence that the Soviet Union is fast developing an audacious skill in turning the nuclear deadlock to her advantage. The use of force in Hungary, the threats over Suez, and most recently the triumphant infiltration of Syria, all show a willingness to take risks which, in the pre-nuclear age, would have resulted in war."

"Those who believe that the present thermo-nuclear stalemate which paralyzes the West, while allowing the Soviet Union an ever-increasing freedom of maneuver, is the only safe course will see Dr. Kissinger's advocacy of 'limited' war as excessively dangerous. I do not suggest that Dr. Kissinger is right, but I do suggest that our present complacent reliance on the existence of a nuclear stalemate could prove highly perilous."

Nothing at all comparable to this fantastic dilemma has ever occurred in the history of the nations of mankind before. The significance of these things, causing the hearts of men to fail them for fear while looking at the things coming upon the earth, will be examined in the light of the Divine Judgment upon the Nations in the next article in this series.



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# ROBBING GOD

By HOWARD B. RAND

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IS IT POSSIBLE for a mortal to rob God? Can a man deprive God of that which is His and thus defraud Him? If the answer to these questions is in the affirmative, then it behooves all to give careful consideration to their motives and performances, lest, through deliberate carelessness, indifference, or by presumptive action, they not only rob God but cheat themselves. God will not hold him guiltless who turns away from the observance of His commandments and refuses to obey His laws, considering it useless to serve Him.

To serve the Lord is to discharge the obligations of a servant, for such are all those whom He accepts as worthy of discipleship and to be called by His name; that is, Christian. Singleness of purpose and faithfulness in the discharge of duties and responsibilities are required of all who would be the recipients of His favor, else their service becomes faulty in His sight.

Do you object to being called a servant? The revelation of Jesus Christ was given by God to His Son so that He might show unto *His servants* "things which must shortly come to pass" (Rev. 1: 1). It is *His servants the prophets* (those who teach and proclaim) who are to be rewarded with knowledge concerning the Divine purposes:

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3: 7.)

Blessings are pronounced upon those who are faithful, for they will have a right to the Tree of Life and are to enter into the gates of the Holy City (Rev. 22: 14).

What constitutes a servant and what type of service is required of him? In the first place the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour is requisite to initiating one into His service. Afterward the

Christian demonstrates his sincerity by keeping the obligations of a servant through loyalty to His name and obedience to His commandments.

What are the commandments of Jesus? Jesus Christ laid down a foundation principle for His disciples that their righteousness — that is, their observance of the law — should exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, or else they would not enter into the Kingdom (Matt. 5: 20). The gates of the Holy City will not be opened to those who do not qualify in this respect.

The scribes and Pharisees outwardly appeared righteous — that is, they pretended to reverence and obey the law — but in their hearts they rebelled against its observance. Recognizing this, Jesus took the law that was written upon the tables of stone and, as the Messenger of the New Covenant (Mal. 3: 1), He wrote them upon the hearts of His servants according to the terms of the New Covenant. Thus Jesus required that His followers keep the spirit of the law; then the outward observance would take care of itself. All this Jesus clearly set forth in the so-called Sermon on the Mount. Paul as well confirmed the need of keeping the spirit of the law in proper heart relationship to God and neighbor:

"He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." (Rom. 13: 8-10.)

This statement expresses the truth because, when the love of God is in the heart of His servant, motivating all of his actions, there will be Christian love and respect for a neigh-

bor's rights. This, in itself, would prevent the servant from contemplating any harm to his neighbor and would also deter him from violating any of the requirements of the law.

The Bible in no respect sets aside the Law of the Lord in behalf of the Christian; rather, one who has accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour is moved to obey those laws through love instead of in unwilling adherence to Christian standards to which he does not subscribe in his secret heart. Having grown in grace to the point of mastering this requirement, coming to know the true meaning of "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," the servant of the Lord will be more than willing to obey even the least of His laws. That this is important to his future spiritual well-being is made clear in no uncertain terms by the Lord Himself:

"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5: 19.)

What are our obligations under the law? One requirement of the law is that His people support the work of the Lord through their tithes; that is, a tenth of their increase (income). Of that tithe one tenth was set aside for the use of the Aaronic Priesthood (Num. 18: 26-28). Nine tenths of the tithe was applied to the operation of Kingdom functions, this portion being administered by the Levites. Did Jesus make any pronouncement emphasizing the necessity to continue to observe this law of tithing?

When accusing the scribes and Pharisees of hypocrisy, Jesus stated they were very careful to see to it that the insignificant herbs were

tithed, while they overlooked the more important questions of justice and equity under the law. He did not condemn their observance of the tithing law, but neither did He approve their feigned devotion to duty which was for outward show only. He did, at the same time, excoriate them for their neglect of the weightier matters of the law (Matt. 23: 23; Luke 11: 42). Moreover, He confirmed and perpetuated the institution of tithing under the law.

Many Christians neglect this requirement of the law; some are even presumptuous in their refusal to heed the instructions to bring in their tithes and offerings. Malachi the Prophet records the Lord's controversy with His people because they ignore that part of His law which deals with obligations they wish to avoid by contending it is no longer applicable to them:

"Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts." (Mal. 3: 7.)

Pretending they do not understand, the people ask, "Wherein shall we return?" The Lord answers with another question, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me."

But the people counter, "Wherein have we robbed thee?" And the answer goes right to the point, "*In tithes and offerings.*" (See the whole discussion in Malachi 3: 7-10.)

One day the Jews challenged our Lord over the issue of tribute:

"Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?" (Matt. 22: 17.)

Aware of their craftiness and trickery, Jesus requested a penny, asking them whose inscription was on it. They replied, "Caesar's." Then Jesus said:

"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." (Matt. 22: 21.)

Jesus pointed out in this unique manner that, although one must support the government by the payment of taxes, even though there may be excess taxation, this in no wise excuses him from meeting his obligations to the Lord; that is, the paying of his tithe for the support of His Kingdom.

Men of the world recognize no obligation on their part as owed to the Lord, either as to their income or their time. But their Creator will ultimately bring them to judgment and deal with them accordingly.

His servants, on the other hand, those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, being committed to serve Him in every way, should recognize that they are also definitely obligated as to their time and as to their money. One seventh of their time and one tenth of their income (increase) is required in order that His servants may continue to propagate the glad tidings of the Kingdom and testify to the way of salvation. It is understandable, of course, that not everyone can go out on such missions of witnessing, but each one has the opportunity to participate in the work and activity of those who do. This is the purport of Jesus' statement:

"He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward." (Matt. 10: 41.)

It is not only possible for the servants of the Lord to rob God by refusing to live up to their duty as tithers but they also cheat themselves by failing to provide for future dividends to be realized for work accomplished through the support of the servants whom God has called to full time service.

A study of Christian witnessing proves that the Gospel, both pertaining to the Kingdom and to salvation, has never been able to go forward without financial support from God-fearing men and women who have been willing to sacrifice in work, with monetary gifts and in time spent in prayer. Thus God has provided a way for His faithful servants to lay up treasures for themselves,

not necessarily according to the actual amount given, through work done by themselves or others whom they support, in money given and time spent in intercessory prayer, but in accordance with their ability and in relation to their assets.

Where assets are concerned, the widow, with her "two mites," cast more into the Lord's treasury than the abundance paid by the wealthy (Mark 12: 41-44), for she cast in all she had. Under this investment program, instituted by God, the poor have as good if not a better opportunity than the rich to acquire Kingdom assets and be assured of dividends on the basis of a "hundred-fold" in the age to come.

This is a type of investment modern finance cannot possibly duplicate. It is impossible under the system of Mammon to offer to the poor like returns on their meager holdings with those of the rich with their abundance. But by taking into account the ratio of one's giving to his assets, the Lord sees to it that the rich shall have no advantage whatever over the poor in respect to the returns on their investments in His Kingdom work. It is indeed a privilege to be His servant and those among His servants who are foolish enough to try to rob God only destroy the wonderful opportunity He has presented to them to lay up for themselves treasures in assets that are incorruptible and which will survive the collapse of the present economic world order now rapidly coming to judgment.

It is unfortunate but true that very few Christians are today aware of the great opportunity God has given to each one in this time of uncertainty when, through service to the King in the use of our possessions and the investment of our money, we can convert Babylonian assets into Kingdom treasure that will lay up an abundance to endure throughout all eternity. This is the only way we can be sure our possessions will be secure — there is no other way to bridge the chasm between the present world order and the new world coming, and carry our assets over into the Kingdom Age. Happy indeed is the man who, recognizing the times and seasons in which we are living, has the faith to act accordingly.

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RUSSIA's current diplomatic and propaganda campaign reached a new height with the dispatch of letters from Bulganin to nineteen countries. These letters were carefully drafted with the deliberate intention of making the maximum appeal to the public while making it as difficult as possible — consistent with the public appeal — for Britain and the United States to accept Bulganin's proposals on his terms. The fact is that Russia does not really want summit talks immediately. This statement is not made by assumption or inference but from precise information which has reached this service about Russia's diplomatic plans. Those plans are based on the fact that the Russian intercontinental ballistic missile will not be in full production before the middle of 1959.

The diplomatic situation which the Soviet government is trying to bring about is to put the British and United States governments into a position in which the Western public will accuse their governments of intransigence in the face of "reasonable" Soviet offers. It is to be noted that at the bottom of the list of subjects for discussion Bulganin puts the Middle East. His idea may be that at intermediate level talks, no agreement having been reached on anything else of real importance, Russia might suddenly offer some kind of Middle East pact which would consolidate her position. The arms build-up in Egypt and Syria is nearing completion. In fact, it has now reached the stage at which it is almost, if not wholly, sufficient in terms of a local conflict. In these circumstances, a Middle East pact of some kind might, in effect, consolidate Russia's local advantages.

Many experts say that Russia is not yet ready to risk general war. In particular, if Russia thinks that there is a real chance of American intervention, she will not give the Arabs the assurances without which they will not attack Israel. If, however, the Western powers had been cornered by a Middle East pact, Russia might risk giving Syria and Egypt the assurances they demand and an attack on Israel might become imminent. The whole Russia diplomatic and propaganda machine is now working to create a situation in which Russia can proceed with her Middle East plan without apparent risk of Western intervention. Much will depend upon whether she thinks she has destroyed any chance of such intervention.

As for the reduction recently announced of three hundred thousand in the armed forces, this is the same deception as the similar announcement made toward the end of 1955. The much boosted "substantial reduc-

tion" of the Soviet forces, the "example" of which the Western powers are being challenged by Moscow to follow, boils down to nothing more than a process of shedding unwanted ballast and of transferring personnel from one field of military service to another.

Finally, here are just a few pertinent facts about what Russia is doing in the Near and Middle East. A serious situation is being created in the Lebanon, hitherto a relatively friendly area both to the West and in relationship to Israel. The Syrian Communist leader Khaled Bagdashe, is more powerful than ever and has increasingly substantial Soviet backing. All reports to the contrary should be entirely discounted. Syria, under Soviet direction, is trying to embroil the Lebanon with Israel. Fedayin raids are now taking place regularly from Lebanese territory. These raids are, in fact, being made by Syrians. Israel was formerly regularly raided over the Syrian frontier but these raids have now dwindled to small proportions and take place from Lebanese territory instead. As the result of the Yemeni Crown Prince's visit to Moscow, Russia is planning an economic aid program on a big scale to Yemen similar to what it has done in Egypt and Syria. It is expected that a commission of Soviet experts will shortly go to Yemen to make a study of the country's requirements in the light of the report of Russian specialists who have made a survey of the situation and its possibilities. Under Russian encouragement and direction, Syrian-Egyptian military co-ordination is progressing fast. Before long the Syrian and Egyptian armies will be virtually unified under Egyptian command and with Soviet military and technical advice and help.

Russian agencies are increasing their efforts to stir up trouble for the French in the Algerian Sahara. This is partly due to the development of the vast oil deposits, but it is also connected with the French rocket range at Colomb-Bechar which is now a top priority Russian Intelligence assignment. At the recent Afro-Asian Conference in Cairo the Russian representative gave what came very near to economic *carte blanche* to the Arabs. Definite assurances were given that any Arab State getting into economic difficulties as a result of anti-Western activities would be helped by Russia up to the limit. An up-to-date submarine base is being built — ostensibly by Egypt, but under Russian direction — near Hurghada, at the southern end of the Gulf of Suez. This is a direct threat to shipping in the Gulf of Aqaba. A Soviet army ballistic missile expert is reported to be advising the Syrian General Staff. These are just a few examples of what Russia is actually doing in the Middle East.



The Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Conference was typical of its kind, for the public speeches were little more than a rehash of old and well-worn slogans. The real work, however, was done behind the scenes and the real leaders of the conference, who remained well in the background, were the Russian delegate, Sharaf R. Rashidov, and the Chinese delegate, Kuo Mo-jo. These two men were mainly responsible for all practical decisions of any importance. They had constant access to Nasser. A headquarters was established in Cairo of the permanent African-Asian People's Solidarity Council. The nominal head is to be an Egyptian but the decisive posts in the ten-man secretariat are to go to Russians and Chinese and these men will dominate the Council. The principal Chinese representative is, in fact, a military intelligence officer. The behind-the-scenes machinery of the secretariat will deal with propaganda, subversive agencies and funds in the Middle East and a large part of Africa. Nasser seems now to be coming more into the open. Since the Afro-Asian Conference he has been very much more frank in talks with Western observers in Cairo. He has ceased to emphasize his so-called neutrality and his alleged personal anti-Communism. Instead, he is quite outspoken on the parallels between his personal policy and that of the U.S.S.R. and he has been equally frank in saying that he expects big events in the Middle East during 1958, with far-reaching repercussions in Africa. Observers who have recently talked with Nasser are convinced that a new and dangerous phase is about to begin in the Middle East, about which he seems very confident. The number of Soviet economic and administrative advisers in Egypt is increasing and nearly every week more Soviet or satellite experts arrive. This applies not only to business and economic enterprises but also to government administration and the police service. It is now clear that Nasser has not been able to limit his association with Soviet Russia in either foreign or domestic affairs — even if he ever wanted to do so.

The political situation in Budapest is uneasy and Kadar's personal position is becoming more doubtful. In order to try to consolidate his position, Kadar is returning to the Stalinist tradition. He has set up a People's Control Commission which is really a re-establishment of the former State Control Ministry, a police institution which before the 1956 rising dealt with internal matters. The setting up of the People's Control Commission is tantamount to the re-establishment of the notorious Secret Police. Kadar has also decreed a new deportation law, by which politically undesirable people can be expelled from Budapest and sent to forced residence elsewhere in Hungary.

Preparations are under way for the organization of a show trial of former Prime Minister Imre Nagy. Since Christmas the press has been conditioning public opinion for such a trial. The Russian authorities, however, have not yet given their consent. The reason for Russia's hesitation about this is interesting. Toward the end of October 1956, Mikoyan and Suslov went to Budapest to negotiate with Nagy. At these negotiations, the two Soviet leaders agreed to release Hungary from her obligations under the Warsaw Pact. Khrushchev

gave his consent to this arrangement. A protocol was then drawn up and signed by all those who took part in the negotiations, including Mikoyan and Suslov. It was this protocol which was the basis of Nagy's optimistic declaration to foreign correspondents on October 31. When, later on, Nagy was handed over by the Yugoslavs to the Russians after his escape, he left his copy of the protocol at the Yugoslav Embassy. The Yugoslavs later handed it over to the Russians as a gesture of good will, on orders from Belgrade.

Besides the written document, however, the material part of the talks between Nagy, Suslov and Mikoyan, including the telephone conversation with Khrushchev asking for his consent to the arrangement, were recorded on a tape. This was handed over on November 4, 1956 by one of Nagy's close colleagues to a Western diplomat. Russian agents have been doing all they can to find out exactly where this tape recording is. In fact, the microphone recently discovered in the U. S. Embassy in Budapest was connected with these efforts. The Russian authorities are unwilling to allow the Budapest government to go ahead with the trial of Nagy until they know more about the whereabouts of this recording.

Territories which are now administered by the British Colonial Office in Africa are all, without exception, officially scheduled for handing over to local African politicians. That is the deliberate policy of Great Britain and it is fostered, encouraged and speeded on by the Colonial Office. There is some slight clash of opinion between the Colonial Office and local African politicians as to the dates for handing over various territories, but this hand-over will occur in every territory where there is no important European settlement and no local European political power. Nothing other than a revolutionary change in British domestic politics will stop the hand-over from taking place. It is highly probable that it will prove a ghastly failure.

Almost all African politicians are corrupt and few have the very remotest idea of government or are likely to acquire it for many generations — if ever. Thus, a sharp decline in conditions and a reversion to very unpleasant customs is likely in all Colonial territories which are handed over to local political factions. It is possible that if the hand-over were made to really powerful tribal chiefs under close guidance and protection from a European power, self-government might be fairly harmless. But the political trend in Britain encourages handing over to extremely corrupt small factions pretending to be democrats — but, in most cases, nothing but quarter-educated crooks, often given to liquor or worse. However, that is the policy and it will be followed unless some dramatic change occurs inside Britain or Ghana's performance penetrates the public mind before anything more is done elsewhere.

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# HIGHROAD TO JUDGMENT

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By William O. Lay, Jr.

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THE POLITICAL MIND, ever tending to over-optimism rather than sober realism, reacted typically once the United States successfully launched an earth satellite. All but lost sight of in the orgy of exultation was the grim fact that the American "Explorer," being much smaller than the dog-carrying Soviet Sputnik II, still left Russia comfortably ahead in the deadly missile race. The chorus of enthusiasm and self-congratulation in Washington all but drowned out the few voices accenting this unpalatable truth.

Eyes diverted from the arena of scientific razzle-dazzle found even graver cause for disquietude. Capitalizing on its Sputnik success, the Soviet Union was making ominous headway in an all-out campaign for the allegiance of smaller nations. Delegates to an Afro-Asian conference in Cairo heard glowing offers of Russian economic aid. Anarchy-ridden Indonesia planned to procure arms from the Communist bloc. Then a merger of Egypt and Syria forged the two nations into a more pliable tool of Soviet strategy.

Like the Bandung Conference before it, the Afro-Asian Solidarity Conference which convened in Cairo on December 26 was a conspicuous sign of the times. It stressed anew the ferment of the non-Christian multitudes and their accelerating consolidation into the great heathen confederacy against which God Himself will act in the Valley of Decision. Delegates to the unofficial conference immediately began parroting the Red propaganda line — denunciation of Western imperialism, colonialism and continued nuclear tests.

The Cairo Afro-Asian conference opened precisely 11 x 1260 days solar after June 28, 1919 when the Versailles Treaty was signed. Eleven is the number of disorder and disintegration, while 1260 signifies tribulation. These factors all aptly apply to the Afro-Asian conference which drew the lines more sharply for the titanic struggle soon to close the age (not charted).

Unleashing a new offensive against Western enterprise, Russia offered all Afro-Asian nations economic aid, coupled with a suggestion that they nationalize Western-operated businesses as Egypt did with the Suez Canal. Meanwhile, American officials revealed that Indonesia had served notice it would accept Communist arms if none were forthcoming from the United States.

These December 27 developments came 1260 days solar (tribulation) after June 28, 1954. It was on this date that the communique issued following White House conferences between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill glaringly revealed the West's

inability to cope with world-wide Communist aggression. December 27 also fell 420 days after November 2, 1956 when the UN ordered a Mideast cease-fire following the Israeli invasion of Egypt. The 420 factor, one-sixth of the 2520-day Biblical trial or probation period, unfolds successive phases of judgment upon the human world order numerically symbolized by six.

The Soviet Union followed up its December 27 declaration by pledging fullest support for any nation in the Afro-Asian bloc trying to shake off colonial rule. Meanwhile, Israeli Premier Ben-Gurion resigned. The date was 1260 days after the July 20, 1954 Indo-China armistice and 420 days after Anglo-French forces invaded Egypt on November 6, 1956 (center of Chart IV).

Another Soviet "gold brick" made its perennial appearance on January 6 when Russia announced a cut of 300,000 men from its armed forces and challenged the United States, Britain and France to do likewise. In London, Chancellor of the Exchequer Peter Thorneycroft resigned from the Cabinet in a dispute over government spending. The events fell precisely 1600 days (space or extent of judgment) after the August 20, 1953 King's Chamber terminal when Russia announced her first H-bomb test. January 6 was also 420 days solar after the Anglo-French invasion of Suez (Chart IV).

Pressing the Soviet diplomatic offensive on all fronts, Premier Bulganin told 19 nations on January 9 that Moscow proposed to call an East-West summit meeting within two or three months. This move came 1600 days lunar (judgment) after September 15, 1953 when the Soviet-Chinese economic pact was signed (center of Chart V).

Communist China and Yemen, on January 12, signed a commerce treaty and an agreement for scientific, technical and cultural cooperation. This new bond of unity within the vast non-Christian bloc was forged exactly 286 days solar before October 29, 1958, which will be 1290 days (desolation) after the Bandung Conference opened on April 18, 1955 (top of Chart V). The 286 time-factor signifies displacement or human error.

President Sukarno of Indonesia conferred with Egyptian President Nasser in Cairo on January 13, reportedly concerning an arms deal. This was 1260 days lunar after August 20, 1954 when Greece appealed to the UN for a vote on the future of Cyprus. And a 420-day interval extending forward from the Nasser-Sukarno parley terminates on March 9, 1959. This date will be 1600 plus two days (judgment) after the agree-

ment providing for British evacuation of the Suez Canal Zone was signed on October 19, 1954 (bottom of Chart VI).

Charging that the United States was planning to set up nuclear and missile bases in the Middle East, the Soviet Union warned Mideast countries such bases would be a threat to their existence and their religious shrines. The date was January 21, exactly 1600 days solar (judgment) after Russia test-exploded her first H-bomb on August 12, 1953 (not charted).

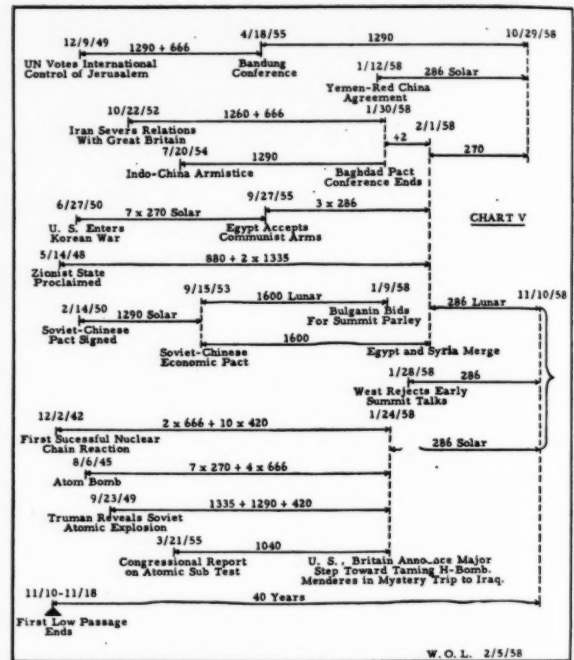
British and American scientists announced on January 24 a major step toward taming the H-bomb to give the world unlimited electric power. They believed they had succeeded in making hydrogen atoms fuse together to produce peaceful power in the laboratory.

Chronological factors marking the January 24 scientific advance in nuclear fusion stress its role in bringing the human world order to the fateful point where the Lord of Creation must step in to prevent His handiwork from being destroyed by fearsome forces in the hands of unregenerate mankind. This motif is evident in all time-periods linking January 24 to previous mileposts in atomic history.

From the first successful nuclear chain reaction in the laboratory on December 2, 1942, an interval of precisely  $2 \times 666$  plus  $10 \times 420$  days extends to January 24, 1958. This combines the 666 factor, connoting the human world order and man's work in opposition to God, with the 420 judgment number raised to numerical perfection (10). If the first wartime use of the atom bomb is taken as a starting point, the factor of birth travail perfected is added. Here the interval is  $7 \times 270$  plus  $4 \times 666$  days. Concerning the number four, Dr. E. W. Bullinger states in *Number in Scripture*:\*

"The number four . . . is emphatically the number of Creation; of man in his relation to the world as created . . . It is the number of material completeness. Hence it is the world number, and especially the 'city' number."

The significance of the birth travail factor in combi-



nation with four times 666 is therefore self-evident.

Yet another striking time-sequence is revealed when the interval separating January 24 from President Truman's disclosure of the first Soviet atomic explosion is investigated. The period comprises 1335 plus 1290 plus 420 days. The 420 factor is here combined with the number of desolation (1290) and 1335 which, in its dual significance of blessing and judgment, has apt affinity with the double-edged implications of nuclear discoveries. (Exactly 1335 plus two days intervened between America's declaration of war against Japan on December 8, 1941 and the first use of an atomic bomb against Hiroshima).

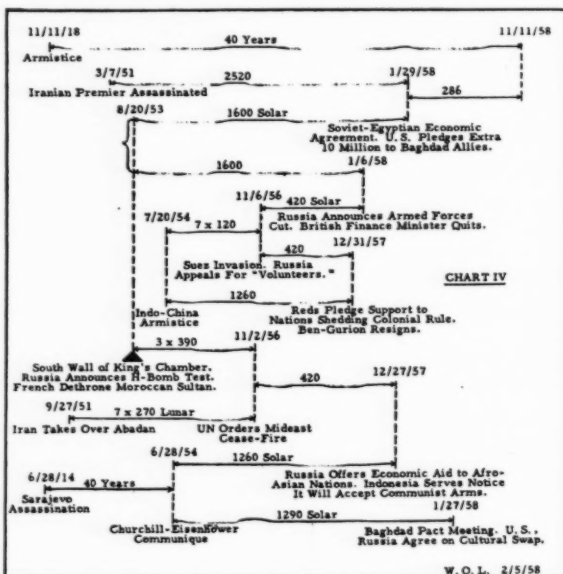
Finally, January 24 fell 1040 days (fruition) after March 21, 1955 when a Congressional committee reported on the test of an atomic submarine. And exactly 286 days solar (displacement) separate January 24 from November 10-11, 1958, which closes a 40-year generation after the Great Pyramid's First Low Passage ended on November 10-11, 1918 (bottom of Chart V).

Meanwhile, the air of crisis surrounding the imminent Baghdad Pact conference deepened when Turkish Premier Menderes made a sudden and secret flight to Iraq.

As the Baghdad Pact conference opened, Secretary of State Dulles promised that the United States would support the member nations "with mobile power of great force" in the event of Soviet aggression. Moslem nations, however, made it clear they also wanted increased economic aid. In Washington, meanwhile, the United States threw wide the gate for more Soviet "Trojan horse" infiltration by agreeing with Russia on a two-year exchange of films, radio-television broadcasts and about 500 "experts" on a wide range of subjects.

Significantly, these events came precisely 1290 days solar (desolation) after June 28, 1954 when the

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Churchill-Eisenhower communique bared Anglo-American helplessness in the face of the militant Soviet threat (bottom of Chart IV).

Russia's bid for an early summit meeting was firmly rejected by the State Department on January 28, the date falling 286 days before November 10, 1958 (Chart V).

On January 29, Egypt and the Soviet Union signed an agreement for long-term loans which an Egyptian spokesman said would meet all his country's needs for industrial development. In Ankara, meanwhile, the United States pledged an additional 10 million dollars to improve communications in the Mideast area covered by the Baghdad Pact nations.

The Soviet-Egyptian agreement came 1600 days solar (judgment) after the August 20, 1953 King's Chamber terminal. No less significant is the interval of 2520 days (trial or probation) separating January 29 from March 7, 1951 when the assassination of Iranian Premier Razmara initiated the intensive phase of Mideast travail soon to culminate in the final battle for world domination. January 29 also fell 286 days before November 11, 1958 which closes a forty-year generation after the 1918 Armistice (top of Chart IV).

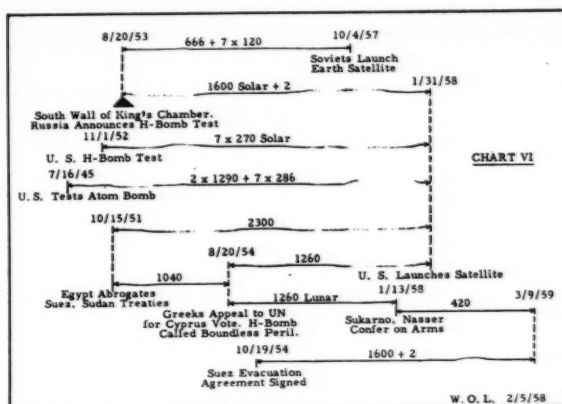
The chronological importance of January 29, 1958 was first pointed out in the article, "Through Judgment to Restoration," published in DESTINY for September, November and December 1951. The data on January 29, 1958 appeared on page 417 of the latter issue.

The Baghdad Pact conference ended on January 30, the date falling 1260 plus 666 days after October 22, 1952 when Iran severed diplomatic relations with Great Britain and 1290 days (desolation) after the July 20, 1954 Indo-China armistice (Chart V).

A striking set of time-measures marks January 31 when the United States launched its first earth satellite. Exactly  $2 \times 1290$  plus  $7 \times 286$  days (desolation and displacement perfected) separate it from the July 16, 1945 American atom bomb test. If the first American H-bomb test (November 1, 1952) is taken as a starting point, the interval is found to be precisely  $7 \times 270$  days solar (birth travail perfected). January 31 also fell 1600 days solar plus two (judgment) after the August 20, 1953 King's Chamber terminal and 2300 days (cleansing of the sanctuary) after October 15, 1951 when Egypt abrogated her Suez and Sudan treaties with Great Britain (Chart VI). Data charted with the article, "The 1335 Days," in the October 1954 issue of DESTINY, pointed out the connotations of desolation and birth travail marking January 31, 1958.

The merger of Syria and Egypt on February 1 introduced an ominous new disruptive factor into the tense Middle East. Leaders of pro-Western Arab states foresaw increased pressure to force them into a great Pan-Arab union. The Egyptian-Syrian nutcracker also posed a grave new threat to the Israelis.

Announcement of the momentous merger came exactly  $3 \times 286$  days (displacement) after Egypt accepted Russian arms on September 27, 1955. An interval of judgment (1600 days) separates February 1 from the September 15, 1953 Soviet-Chinese economic pact. Particularly noteworthy is the sequence of 880 plus



$2 \times 1335$  days linking the Egypt-Syria merger to May 14, 1948 when the Zionist state was proclaimed. This chronological combination adds the connotation of Divine intermediation (880) to the 1335 factor which signifies judgment upon the non-Christian multitudes who stand opposed to God and His Kingdom.

A 270-day birth travail interval extends forward from February 1 to the important October 29, 1958 terminal, which will be 1290 days (desolation) after the Bandung Conference of Afro-Asian nations opened. Finally, February 1 fell 286 days lunar before November 10, 1958 (Chart V).

From Indonesia to the subcontinent of India and on Westward through the Mideast and North Africa, the heathen world is astir and enflamed. Their leaders, gulled by Communist propaganda and their own rashness and folly, envision themselves in the vanguard of an all-engulfing wave of the future which will sweep Christian civilization from the earth. Clinching this conviction for them has been the unbroken sequence of Soviet triumphs in the diplomatic and scientific spheres.

Yet appearances can be deceptive. The Bible reveals a different and far less enviable fate in store for the presumptuous masses:

"Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind." (Isa. 17: 12-13.)

Swift and fearful retribution will strike all instruments of the spirit of evil which is making the world a battleground, usurping and despoiling God's Holy Land and seeking to annihilate His Israel. Regardless of how evil may flourish in its season, one basic fact dooms alike the pretensions of scientific materialists and bloody-handed dictators: the King of kings has never abdicated.

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# PAGE THE SKEPTICS

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AFTER SOME YEARS in research, study and publication, Prof. C. A. L. Totten, M.A., Professor at Yale University, wrote in 1897 that it was his privilege to share with those who were reading his writings "the continent of convictions whereupon he firmly stood." The following appraisal of his past experiences is most enlightening:

"I, personally, have taken every degree from Darwin to Materialism, and from Evolution almost to Atheism — and found them each in turn devoid of such logic as one is justified in expecting when in honesty he seeks the truth.

"I have renounced these dark degrees of the World's University, simply because they will not bear the logical scrutiny of thorough investigation; they are full of *non sequiturs*, of sophistry, and gaps which no ingenuity of the learned can bridge over. It is a plain truth that to read them is a waste of time and to believe them a prostitution of eternity.

"It is essential that I should make these preliminary remarks and admissions here; for I wish to claim the full right to speak 'with authority' in these premises, and not as one who condemns that which he has not earnestly studied and investigated.

"For twenty-one years I have studied, and taught, in various schools, colleges, academies and universities in this land and, as I hold degrees from several of them, it will be readily taken for granted that I am somewhat versed in the 'Philosophy of Modern Thought'; and that, if I have come to disagree with it almost entirely, it must have been by virtue of having found it void after passing through it."

Professor Totten went on to point out that, as a result of having arrived at this conclusion, he was led to publish the volumes of his studies for those who, like himself, were willing to search all things and "hold fast to that which is good,"

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\*All of Professor Totten's writings are now out of print with the exception of the book titled *Joshua's Long Day and the Dial of Ahaz* (225 pages), republished by Destiny Publishers, Merrimac, Mass., and available at \$1.50 per copy postpaid.

and to that which is true.\* In his book demonstrating the accuracy of the Deluge as recorded in the Scriptures, published in 1892, he referred to the importance of the year of the translation of Enoch. He said in part:

"In 968 A.M. Enoch was translated. He was 365 years old; that is, (365 plus)  $\times$  365 days old. The chronological beauties hidden in this date (986 A.M.) are of a most remarkable character. All Great Pyramid students are familiar with the intimate relations between  $\pi$  (the circummetric ratio, 3.14159 plus) and  $\gamma$  (the year function in days, 365.2422 plus, etc.). Now the year of Enoch's translation was not only his 365th, but it is intimately related to the circummetric ratio."

Professor Totten then showed that  $100 \times (3.14159 \text{ plus squared})$  equals 986.7. As Enoch was translated after he was 365 years old, that translation occurred during 986 A.M., which year, reckoned astronomically, would be 987.

Professor Totten was prompted to write briefly concerning this fascinating subject because his faith in the Bible led him to conjecture that a scientific mathematical system of chronology was hidden in its pages, the rhythm of which would be discerned through research and study. In the light of this pioneering work by the Professor, let us apply ourselves to an analysis of the remarkable harmony involved in the ages of the antediluvian patriarchs.

As an example, let us take Enoch and the year of his translation, as well as his age at the time of his translation and the age of his son Methuselah, the oldest man who ever lived. This will reveal an interlocking harmony in the years of their lives and the dates of their birth, which facts, as set forth in relation to these two patriarchs, can be multiplied many times in the lives and ages of the others whose names are recorded in the Scriptures.

Noah was 687 years old when Methuselah was born and Methu-

selah lived to be 969 years of age. The number 687, plus 969, equals 1656, the year of the Deluge. Methuselah died just before the flood began and his death was a signal to Noah that the antediluvian age had come to its end.

Now the Sabbatic ratio, which represents the portion of time required to meet the demands of the Scriptural sabbatic law in a period of seven years, is .2653. Subtracting the age of Enoch at the time of his translation (365) from the year of his birth (622), the result is 257. When this number — 257 — is multiplied by the sabbatic proportion — .2653 — it equals 969, or the age of Methuselah, the son of Enoch. By multiplying Methuselah's age (969) by the sabbatic proportion (.2653), the result is 3652, or ten times the age of Enoch when he was translated.

As stated at the beginning of this article, Professor Totten pointed out that 100 times the square of the  $\pi$  ratio equals the year Enoch was translated. Multiply the year of Enoch's translation by  $\pi$  (3.14159 plus) and the result is 3100. Now 3100 earth years equal 5040 periods of the planet Venus. As pointed out in *Documentary Studies*,\* Volume I, page 130:

"The number [5040] is not mentioned in the Scriptures, but it lies at the basis of the Biblical system of chronological prophecy. It is not only divisible by 7 and by 70, and by 315, the accurate cycle which embraces in one system the movements of the sun and moon, but also by 360 (a time) and by 1,260, and also by 2,520 without remainder. Plato refers to the importance of this number."

Adam was 687 years old at Methuselah's birth, which number of earth years equals 365 years of the planet Mars. Thus, Methuselah's birth was  
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**Q.** Please explain the following passages of the Bible: "Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, if I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?" (John 21: 20-23.)

w. b., Michigan

**A.** Jesus had informed Peter in regard to the type of death he was to suffer for His sake. Peter then inquired about John, as set forth in the above quotation. The true meaning of this passage has puzzled the most profound of Biblical scholars throughout the Christian Era. No one seems to have arrived at the conclusion a careful analysis of all related Scriptural facts suggests as the best solution. Jesus did not say to Peter that John would not die; rather, if the Lord willed that he tarry, or wait, until He came, Peter should not make this his concern.

Peter was later crucified at Babylon in Asia Minor some six years before Jerusalem was captured and destroyed by the Romans. John survived the ruin of that city by about 30 years and he was the only one of the twelve apostles who was alive when the destruction of the Holy City took place. He remained to die a natural death, not one of violence, and he was privileged to behold the remarkable vision of the coming of the Lord as given to him on the Isle of Patmos. John describes the glory of that coming:

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last . . . And I turned to see the voice that spake with me . . . And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters." (Rev. 1: 10-15.)

John was preserved alive until he had witnessed the majesty, glory and power of the coming of the Lord and this deduction is based upon a similar experience he, along with Peter and James, had upon the Mount of Transfiguration. Jesus had said:

"There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom." (Matt. 16: 28.)

Following this the statement is made:

"And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light." (Matt. 17: 1-2.)

Later Peter referred to this experience and declared:

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount." (II Peter 1: 16-18.)

In like manner John was preserved for the day when he would witness the glorious vision on the Isle of Patmos and receive from the Lord the revelation of things to come. This is set forth in the Book of Revelation. That book covers the entire history of the Christian Dispensation from the time of our Lord's ministry to the end of the age and His triumphant return. John saw and conversed with Jesus Christ when He appeared to him in His glory and revealed to him what was to come to pass during the Gospel Age, and beyond. All of this he was to write down and address to the seven Churches and through them to all the followers of our Lord for them to read and carefully ponder. The book, *Study in Revelation*,\* is a verse-by-verse analysis of this most important message contained in the final book of the Scriptures.

**Q.** Please define and explain the terms — Hell; Hades; Sheol; Gehenna; Grave; Death.

C. E. H., Kansas

**A.** When one undertakes to define the meaning of the above terms, he is immediately confronted with many diversified theological conceptions concerning them which stem from doctrinal beliefs. Before defining any of these terms, it is essential to have a correct understanding of the Scriptural teaching regarding the state of the dead. But here also we are plagued with a variety of doctrinal teachings, all of which cannot possibly present the actual conditions as taught in the Scriptures.

Paul declared that our hope is not in death but in the resurrection. Were there no resurrection, he maintained, those who fall asleep in Christ will have perished (see I Cor. 15: 18). The Greek word here translated "perish" is *apollumi*. It means "to destroy fully." Thus Paul was saying that, except for the resurrection, death is destruction.

However, Jesus declared of Lazarus (John 11: 11) that "he sleepeth" when he had died and of the damsel (Luke 8: 52) that "she sleepeth" al-

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though she was dead. In this way He made it clear that death is a sleep from whence an awakening will come in the resurrection.

There is a very widespread misconception in regard to the state of the dead which contends that the body only goes into the grave, the spirit remaining conscious in "heaven" or some such place. But this is in violation of Scriptural teaching and lends itself to that which is an abomination in the sight of God — that is, the consorting with disembodied spirits. As Paul said in discussing our "earthly house"; i.e., our bodies, "not for that we would be unclothed [as disembodied spirits — an abhorrent thing], but clothed upon [with our new body in the resurrection]" (II Cor. 5: 4).

Our Lord stated the day is coming when *those in the graves will hear His voice* and will come forth to live again (John 5: 28). Therefore, it is the spirit in repose with the body in the grave that will hear His voice and will be awakened in the resurrection. Actually the raising of Lazarus was prophetic of what is to occur when the Lord speaks and the dead in their graves will hear His voice. At that time the Lord called to one man only when He cried with a loud voice: "Lazarus, come forth!" (John 11: 43.) In the coming day of resurrection He will call to many.

A full discussion of the state of the dead will be found in *Documentary Studies*, Volume I, pages 375-466, and Volume III, pages 427-484.\* We will, therefore, assume here that the Scriptural evidence pertaining to the state of the dead is accepted as we discuss the meaning of the above terms.

The Hebrew word translated "Hell" in the Old Testament is *Sheol*. It has the same meaning as "Hades," used in the New Testament, referring to the grave or pit. It defines a state, or condition, not a place, and is descriptive of the state of death. Thus *Sheol* is not a place of torment; as expressed by the Psalmist in referring to death, it is a state of nothingness, "His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his

earth; in that very day his thoughts perish" (Ps. 146: 4). Even the soul is in a state of death, for the Psalmist states, "He spared not their soul from death" (Ps. 78: 50). Job confirms this in referring to tranquility in the grave, "There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest" (Job 3: 17).

The Psalmist shows that death is a state of suspended animation:

"For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?" (Ps. 6: 5.)

It is declared to be a state of complete silence:

"The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." (Ps. 115: 17.)

Thus *Sheol*, the grave, is a condition of silence when man, created out of the dust of the earth, returns to dust again.

In the New Testament three different Greek words are rendered in the King James version as Hell. They are Hades, *Geenna* and *Tartarus*. The meaning of *Hades* is the grave, the state of death, an awakening from which will not come until the day of resurrection. *Geenna* refers to the Valley of Gehenna, a valley of Jerusalem where refuse was being continually consumed by fire and indicates ultimate and complete destruction, the everlasting punishment which is annihilation. *Tartarus*, used by Peter in speaking of the angels that kept not their first estate, is a reference to the prison where they are bound:

"God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell [*Tartarus*] and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment." (II Peter 2: 4.)

*Tartarus* is the deep abyss from whence the evil spirits ascend and to which place they must return. In the day of our Lord the demons "besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep [the great abyss or pit]" (Luke 8: 31). This place is not the state of the departed dead of the human race; rather, it is a place where the Nephilim, the fallen angels, dwell, together with the Rephaim, their disembodied offspring who are demons and evil spirits today.

Death is the opposite of life. In that state there is no consciousness,

knowledge, understanding or animation in any form whatsoever. Death is the complete cessation of life, for death means to die. The dictionary definition is far more expressive of Scriptural teaching concerning death than most theological concepts, for to die means simply to cease to exist; that is, to expire. The grave signifies the state of the dead until the day of resurrection when, according to Isaiah, they that dwell in the dust of the earth will awaken and sing again (Isa. 26: 19). This confirms Daniel's statement in regard to the process of resurrection:

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." (Dan. 12: 2.)

The Angel clearly set forth our hope when, after telling Daniel of things to come, he said to the prophet, "Go and wait for the end; you shall rest [sleep] in the grave [*Sheol*] and then rise [in the resurrection] to enjoy your share at the end of the days" (Dan. 12: 13, *Moffatt Trans.*).

Q. Why did the patriarchs of the Bible have several wives when this is not considered righteous or according to the law today? They were still considered righteous, even with handmaidens, etc.

B. G., Indiana

Q. What relation has the practice of polygamy to the sin of adultery? Apparently many of the patriarchs practiced polygamy without, seemingly, having suffered too greatly a loss of God's favor. How can we reconcile this fact with the knowledge that God's penalty for the sin of adultery is death?

J. B. R., California

A. Because of the similarity in the above two questions, one answer will do for both. The Commandment states: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife." The violation of this Commandment constituted adultery, for adultery consists of carnal relationship with another man's wife. The practice of polygamy does not come under this condemnation.

While plurality of wives was permitted, as evidenced in the Scriptural records, yet this was not so in the beginning when a helpmate was

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provided for Adam and the two "became one flesh" (Gen. 2: 20-25). Isaac, the father of our race, had but one wife and later, when the Christian Church came into being, the rule was laid down: "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife" (1 Tim. 3: 2).

Now righteousness is inseparably related to the keeping of the law. Abraham kept the law, but because he believed God in all that God had said to him, this, too, was counted to him for righteousness (Gal. 3: 6). Actually there is no condemnation expressed or inferred anywhere in the Scriptures that would warrant considering any of the patriarchs who had more than one wife unrighteous in the sight of the Lord.

It is essential to remember that in ancient times a woman was without protection until she became a member of a household. Under such conditions plurality of wives provided this family protection and contributed to the well-being of womankind. At the same time it did result in a more rapid increase in population at a time when this was essential to the survival of the race.

Also, in those early times, generally speaking, women were treated more as chattels owned by their husbands than is the case today. When Christianity came, the status of women changed. Yet, in this enlightened day of widespread knowledge of Christian principles, there are countries where a man is still allowed to have more than one wife. However, that is not the high standard set by a true Christian civilization. The attainment of the highest form of marital love and mutual devotion can only be fully possible between two who are not only united in marriage but are one together in Christ Jesus their Lord.

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Q. In one of his parables, Jesus spoke of letting both the tares and the wheat grow until the harvest. If this is to be the procedure, why were Sodom and Gomorrah, and also Babylon, destroyed? Is the harvest spoken of by Jesus movable? Their destruction was certainly far in advance of Christ's second coming when there will be a division of the tares and the wheat. Will you explain this?

L. C., New Jersey

A. First, it is important to note that the Parable of the Tares and the Wheat, given by Jesus in Matthew 13: 24-30, does have a specific chronological timing. This is a Kingdom parable, applying to the end of the age. The tares and the wheat represent the counterfeit and the true among the followers of our Lord who are to grow together until the harvest terminating the Gospel Era — the end of the Dispensation of Grace. Then the designated separation will occur.

Nowhere in the Bible is there an indication that all kinds of evil must continue to flourish until the end of the Christian Era and then endure judgment all at one time. History does reveal, however, that whenever the cup of iniquity is full, in whatever age this occurs, the time of judgment will have come. In Genesis 15: 16 reference is made to the principle of Divine retribution for evil which governs this.

The cup of iniquity was full for Sodom and Gomorrah when fire descended from heaven and destroyed these two wicked cities. This was true of ancient Babylon when judgment overtook that city. God moved in judgment against the northern ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel because of their idolatry; their capital city Samaria was captured and destroyed and the people taken into Assyrian captivity. For the Nation of the Jews, because they rejected our Lord, refusing to acknowledge Him as their Messiah, judgment came in the destruction of Jerusalem when the Roman Titus captured the city, burned the temple and thousands of Jews perished in battle.

Divine judgment overtakes generation after generation when evil reaches its nadir and the cup of iniquity is correspondingly full. Even during the Christian Era we have seen judgment descend from time to time upon peoples and nations for their iniquities. However, the Christian must understand that harvest time for the Christian Era is at the end of the age when, in the analogy of the parable, the Lord will move to separate from among the wheat the tares who, having appeared to be His followers, will be revealed to have been actually the product of the sowing of the Evil One in the field of good seed.

Q. If only "overcomers" are to be in the resurrection, what of the thief on the cross? O. V. K., New Mexico

A. First, it is important to analyze what the Scriptures teach in regard to the resurrection. All those who accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour are assured of a part in the First Resurrection. Thus, the thief on the cross, as a result of his appeal to Jesus, will have a part in that resurrection, for he is to be in paradise as promised.

However, Paul tells us there is order in resurrection, stating: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. *But every man in his own order*: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (1 Cor. 15: 22-23). Ferrar Fenton renders "in his own order" as "each in his own own order." The Greek word translated "order" is *tagma*, meaning orderly in arrangement; that is, in a series, or successions. It is to arrange in an orderly manner in accordance with an ordained Divine appointment.

The Scriptures clearly indicate there are those who are to be specially blessed because they will be invited to enter with the Lord into the Marriage Supper (see Rev. 19: 9). These are classified as overcomers. The promise our Lord made to the thief on the cross did not imply that he would be present at this festival but that he would, nevertheless, be in the paradise of God, the restoration of which follows the Marriage Supper. In the order of resurrection those destined to become rulers in the Kingdom will arise to take their places in this august assemblage. This phase of the resurrection precedes His triumphant return, which does not take place until the close of the Marriage Supper.

But, according to Paul, because there is orderly progression in this resurrection, all who are Christ's will participate in the First Resurrection, beginning with those who arise to enter the Marriage Supper and closing with the resurrection of those who are to enter with Him into His Kingdom at His second coming when He returns triumphantly to take the throne of His father David and reign over the House of Jacob forever.

The thief on the cross will most certainly be present to enter into the blessings of the Kingdom as promised, for he will be in that phase of the First Resurrection ordained by Divine appointment for those who are to partake of the blessings of that Kingdom. Rulership in the Kingdom, however, is reserved for the overcomers alone, who are to be associated with Jesus Christ in His government, and only those who attain to the necessary qualifications for what this involves will be present at the Marriage Supper which precedes the day of His triumphant return to earth.

Q. How do you reconcile Ezekiel 39: 4-5 with II Esdras 13: 10-11? The former leaves corpses on the field. The latter leaves nothing but dust. Is this possibly two armies coming against Israel?

R. A. L., Ont., Canada

A. In the article, "Final Theater of War," DESTINY for September 1944 (now a chapter in *Documentary Studies*, Volume I), the movements of two armies, one from the north and the other from the south, were shown as converging upon Palestine. The immense numbers of men involved will be spread out over a considerable amount of territory. In his vision Esdras saw the results of a

direct hit in a nuclear blast that completely wiped out the target's sector, thus conforming with his description that suddenly "of an innumerable multitude nothing was to be perceived, but only dust and smell of smoke."

Ezekiel's vision ranges over the entire scope of the enemy field of action, including the hills, the mountains and the open fields, away from the center of destruction that Esdras so vividly describes. In these more distant sectors the blast would leave the slain strewn far and wide as described by Ezekiel. All this is in exact conformity with what is known will be the effect of an atomic blast. Immediately at the center of the blast nothing will be left. Then, as the circle widens, at the fringe of the center the dead will be found as described by Zechariah 14: 12:

"Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."

As the circle continues to widen, as one withdraws from the center of the blast, unutilized slain will be found.

It is well to remember in reading the books of the prophets that no one prophet gives us the entire story. Each one described some particular

aspect of the scene he beheld. Putting together what all the prophets have to say, we receive an over-all view as the description given by each prophet is fitted into its proper place.

Q. According to figures, no doubt gathered by tracing Adam's descendants down to Christ, the period from Adam to Christ is 4,000 years. According to historical facts, the antiquity of Egypt dates back to at least 4000 B.C. Where is the discrepancy?

G. C., Utah

A. The discrepancy is in the Egyptian records. It is a known fact that their chronological reckonings for dynasties overlap, thus giving a total of years in excess of the actual chronological period involved.

Jesus Christ was born in 3996 A.M., or that number of years after Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden. This date has been established beyond reasonable doubt as our year 4 B.C.

Mizraim, a son of Ham, founded Egypt, thus actually dating the beginning of Egyptian history shortly after the Deluge. In his translation of the Scriptures, Ferrar Fenton clearly identifies the land of the Pharaohs as the land of the Mitizers, calling the Egyptians the Mitzeraim.

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marked by 365 periods of Mars which is the number of years his father Enoch lived before his translation. From the birth of Methuselah to the end of the Deluge (1657 A.M.) is 970 years and 970 years, plus 365 years, equal 1335, the number of blessedness according to Daniel 12: 12. When Noah left the Ark he

entered into a new era which was introduced by the sign of the rainbow.

The above is but a fraction of a tithe of the remarkable mathematical and chronological evidence concealed in the years of the lives of every one of the ancient patriarchs. What is the skeptic, the agnostic and the atheist going to do with such evidence of Divine inspira-

tion, even in the number of the years allotted for the life span of these men of renown? The multiplication of such mathematical evidence of the accuracy of Scriptural revelation staggers the imagination and dwarfs into insignificance the puny attacks the higher critics and modernists, in their arrogance and their ignorance, have leveled at the Scriptures.—H.B.R.

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question: Who is going to ultimately be required to pay; that is, take up the IOUs and meet subsequent increased Social Security payments? To ask the question is to answer it — you and I, the public, in the form of additional levies on our income.

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AS YOU READ DESTINY it will be helpful to bear in mind as a fundamental tenet that it identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel in the world today. The key to understanding the national aspect of the Bible lies in the acceptance of this basic truth. The ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel, or House of Israel, is distinct and separate from Jewry. In the Scriptures the terms "Israel," "Judah" and "Jew" are not synonymous and the course of history is widely divergent for the peoples properly classified under each of these titles.

The House of Israel is today an innumerable multitude apart from Jewry, a fact which the *Jewish Chronicle* for May 2, 1879 recognized by its reference to the ten tribes as represented by peoples who are not Jews. There it is stated: "The Scriptures speak of a future restoration of Israel, which is clearly to include both Judah and Ephraim [another term designating the House of Israel]. The problem, then, is reduced to its simplest form. The ten tribes are certainly in existence. All that has to be done is to discover which people represent them."

The information published in DESTINY provides the evidence showing that Israel left Palestine while the Jews remained. The movements of the Israel clans are traced out of the East, across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles of Britain, and then on to America. The prophets foretold Israel's westward trek and the monuments and traditions record the Divinely-guided wanderings of this people who left "waymarks" behind them as they journeyed toward their ultimate destination. Today the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples alone bear all the marks by which the House of Israel was to be known in the latter days and they have unconsciously fulfilled in their history, and do fulfill in their present-day activities, what the Word of God declares would be accomplished by them in these latter times.

It is natural that, in the presentation of facts at first thought so startling, the immediate effect of proclaiming these new (yet not new) truths will bring opposition from some quarters where past beliefs are upset. But the evidence of racial movements throughout history, and the marks set forth by which the Israel of God was to be known in modern days, are so unmistakably clear that the failure to seriously consider the evidence will jeopardize the future welfare of the Anglo-Saxon race. For if the people of this race are the lineal descendants of the northern ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel — and they are — there has been placed upon them today a responsibility they cannot escape. The failure to awaken to the knowledge of their identity and assume their responsibility as the people with whom God made His unalterable covenants, and upon whom He laid His law, will bring upon them inevitable national suffering and trouble.

Were the opponents of the identity right in their

assumptions, there would, of course, be no such responsibility; but here again it is essential that the facts be made known. This DESTINY is doing. The people themselves constitute the court of appeal and must render a decision as to whether the facts presented are correct or the objections raised are valid. It is also important to carefully consider that God Himself will pass final judgment in accordance with the verdict rendered by the people, bringing weal or woe upon the nations of Israel in days to come as the inevitable consequence of the course chosen and pursued.

Let those who are opposed to proclaiming the identity ponder well the fact that they, too, have a tremendous personal responsibility. When it is universally recognized that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are modern Israel, opponents of this truth who have succeeded in leading many astray, and hindered to that extent the national awakening and return to God in wholehearted acknowledgment of His sovereignty and obedience to His laws, will discover that He will not hold them guiltless.

God is not a man that He should lie and He gave His promise that Israel (He did not say Judah) would never cease to be a nation before Him. He gave the continuity of the heavenly signs as a guarantee of this (Jer. 31: 35-36). The *Jewish Chronicle* says, "Find this people" and DESTINY points to the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples in whose history the prophecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the House of Israel are all being fulfilled today.

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